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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Offshore Island Situation

General

Runway and taxiways at the new jet base near Haimen in Chekiang Province are almost completely surfaced, according to a 26 February report from the US military attachés in Taipei. When completed the base will enable the Communists to place jets just 175 miles from the Matsus.

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Matsus

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Quemoys

28 Chinese
Communist trucks loaded with troops, 30 3/4-ton vehicles and

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16 jeeps were moving in the southwest area of Amoy Island.
Another 12 trucks were parked in the area.

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this could represent redeployment of troops or training exercises. It also could be reinforcements moving into the Amoy area. Judging from the number of trucks reported, the total of troops involved might be 1,000-1,200.

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Weather

Forecast for next 48 hours is partly cloudy, visibility poor along coastal areas during early morning fog. Winds will be between 6 and 15 knots; seas slight.

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